

Appendix to minutes of the Sevenoaks District Community Planning Partnership meeting held at SDC offices on Monday 26th November 2007.

Actions relating to older people in the Community Plan monitoring, and welcome to Gillian Shepherd-Coates, who had been invited to attend from Sevenoaks and District Age Concern

- Caring 5.1a – target: “Care Managers to be located at least one additional site per year”. CI informed partners that Adult Social Services had an ongoing dialogue with health colleagues about this issue and were looking for other co-location options. If partners have any suggestions or ideas they should contact Carol at carol.infanti@kent.gov.uk. MW stated the British Medical Foundation, a commercial organisation, provides project management and funding opportunities for GP surgeries and PCT’s. Contact details are available from MW.
- Caring 5.1d – target: “Information to be provided on the SDC website and in other formats about the support available to local people.” Gillian Shepherd-Coates said that we should consider how accessible our websites are to older people. MB highlighted initiatives such as Silver Surfers run by the Council to enable older people a basic understanding of computers for personal use and using the internet a less daunting experience. It was also noted that Age Concern Sevenoaks had recently launched an internet café at their new HQ in St John’s Road.
- Caring 5.2a – target: “The percentage of service users in the Sevenoaks District using Direct Payments following assessment to be increased”. CI discussed the idea of using ‘support navigators or brokers’ to help people to develop the right support package for them (whether this is by using Direct Payments, Individual Budgets, or other funding streams) This is a concept promoted in KCC’s Active Lives and defines a navigator as someone “with knowledge of mainstream and specialist services, working with the person using services to develop a sustained pathway of care.” It defines a care broker as someone “who might help the individual formulate the care plan, negotiate funding and help organise and monitor services.” It was agreed that CI would discuss these issues with CABx and Sevenoaks Age Concern.
- Caring 5.2b – target: “The number of people offered enhanced levels of home care support to remain in their own homes to be increased” CI reported that the Active Care Team continues to work well and is helping to prevent bed blocking in hospitals. Active Care is provided by Kent Home Care (KCC in house provider) for an adult in their own home, for up to six weeks. It is designed for people who have been discharged from hospital following some emergency, such as a fracture or stroke. It will have been decided, medically, that the person is fit enough to be discharged with recognition that they may need some assistance to re-adjust to being back at home. With their permission the Active Care Service staff will visit them to agree a care plan designed to help the person to become as self-caring and independent as possible.
- Caring 5.2c – target: “Extra care sheltered housing units provided”. CI reported that work is being driven by HQ on this. A new PFI unit just outside the District in Wilmington, will offer spaces to residents in the District.
- Caring 5.2d – target: “Telehealth and Telecare units supporting older people in the Sevenoaks District to be provided as part of a programme to expand the use of Telehealth and Telecare.” GS-C informed partners that the KCC project team had demonstrated Telehealth machines at the Age Concern day centre. A discussion took place about contacting GP surgeries about Telehealth and getting patients signed up to the scheme. It was understood that the project team had approached the voluntary sector about this carrying out this role. CI to report progress of the Telehealth Project team to partners. It was suggested that West Kent PCT and the voluntary sector should be involved with Social Services in taking this issue forward.
- CI informed partners about the Whole Systems Demonstrator Project:
 - This takes advanced Assistive Technologies (AAT) such as [TeleHealth](#) and [Telecare](#) as a ways of supporting the elderly as well as those with long term conditions to remain independent in their own homes. The Governments

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08/09 (full year) to employ a co-ordinator for an 18 month period and continue to deliver health improvement projects across the district in partnership with the PCT, specifically relating to the Choosing Health priorities.

- A multi-agency partnership group, the Sevenoaks District Health Action Team, will now be set up to co-ordinate delivery of projects across the district. Outcomes will be reported to the Sevenoaks District Community Planning partnership and in the usual way to this Council. Monitoring of the Choosing Health Project will also be reported quarterly to the West Kent PCT to meet the requirements of this external funding. Initiatives will be evaluated to ensure that local people continue to benefit and priority outcomes are achieved
- MW reported that due to an underspend on the Brighter Futures project, 2 separate healthy lifestyles projects were being established in partnership with Sevenoaks Age Concern.
- Sustainable 17.1a – target: “The number of units of affordable housing completed each year to be increased”. DW reported that West Kent Housing were looking at the needs of older people, and this included looking at options to diversify tenures.
- Sustainable 18.2a – target “Relevant policies and guidance to be produced as part of the emerging LDF to safeguard existing community services and facilities from development pressure to meet identified community needs for services and facilities”. CI and MW reported that both Adult Social Services and Sencio Community Leisure were working to make services more accessible. This included refurbishing of Mencap Hall and toilets at Leisure centres.

Partners agreed that the next theme to be discussed at a future partnership meeting would be the “Enjoying Life”. This was a theme emerging from the new Local Area Agreement. LB will circulate details about the “Enjoying Life” theme to partners before this takes place.

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